

Corpus Christi based Citizens for Environmental Justice (CFEJ) Collaborates to Raise Public Awareness of Environment and Health Issues

Corpus Christi, Texas – Corpus Christi based Citizens for Environmental Justice (CFEJ), in collaboration with University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Sealy Center for Environment Health and Medicine and The Refinery Reform Campaign, a project of the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED) Coalition, with host 2 weekends of activities, in an effort to promote awareness on environment and health issues, encourage dialog and empower citizens with skills to take air samples – all in a fun and interactive way.

Community Environmental Forum Theater

John Sullivan, Director of Theater Outreach & Education at UTMB / Galveston's National Institute for Environmental health Sciences, will be on hand Friday evening (7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. as well as all day Saturday, July 26th 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Oak Park United Methodist Church to facilitate a workshop that will cover theater games for actors and audiences, making images, improvisational techniques and creating scenes on how the quality of environment directly affects the quality of our real lives. The workshop will end with a Community Environmental Forum Theater performance that allows the actors to show what they've learned and gets the audience up on their feet to participate.

The Performance Date: Sunday, July 27th, 7:30 p.m. Oak Park United Methodist Church

The performance skits will center around air quality issues regarding refinery and petrochemical companies. Dr. Jonathan Ward, an environmental toxicologist at UTMB will also be on hand to answer questions after the performance.

This Worship/Training Performance weekend will lead up to and kick off Corpus Christi Bucket Brigade (CCBB) training, a project of Citizens for Environmental Justice, scheduled the following Saturday, August 2, 2003.

About the Bucket Brigade Program:

The "Bucket Brigade" program is a simple but effective way that citizens can sample their own air. Using a 5-gallon plastic bucket equipped to sample air, citizens can take their own sample, independent from government agencies. The Bucket Brigade (BB) Program has had great success in other communities around the county. The BB program empowers citizens with a tool and means to find out what toxic chemicals are in the air they breathe. Denny Larson, of the Refinery Reform Campaign, helped to develop these buckets. Denny will be on hand to facilitate our local Bucket Brigade Training. (page 1)

CORPUS CHRISTI BUCKET BRIGADE TRAINING
A PROJECT OF CITIZENS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
AGENDA • AUG 2, 2003 •

Place: Oak Park United Methodist Church
878 Oak Park

- 9:30-10:15 Register Put your Pin on the Map where you live**
- 10:15-10:30 Welcome (local resident and group) Introductions (groups, leaders, notables)**
- 10:30-11:00 Why should community members monitor their air?**
What can you get out of it?
History of the "Bucket Brigade"?
Denny Larson, BB project - Refinery Reform Campaign
- 11:00-11:30 Community Pollution sites and Health Hot Spot Mapping (small groups)**
Neighborhoods Map pollution hotspots and report back
- 11:30-12:00 What is a "Bucket Brigade"?**
How is it organized?
Can everyone in the neighborhood play a role?
What is the "Bucket"?
 How the Bucket works?
Building the Bucket - is it really that easy?
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch**
- 12:30-1:00 Hands on! Your turn to take a sample**
(Small groups practice sampling)
Q & A on sampling
- 1:00-1:30pm "Watching the Detectives" Other examples of Bucket Brigades**
VIDEOS- South Africa Bucket Brigade Nails Polluter
Louisiana Bucket Brigade tackles company town
HBO's Blue Vinyl - Clip of Bucket Brigade in Action
- 1:30-2:00 Next steps for Bucket Brigades:**
Questions and Answers
Further trainings
Taking Samples
Putting the Data to work
Working together and sharing resources and strategies
- 2-3:00 QUALITY CONTROL – QUALITY ASSURANCE**
Chain of Custody and Important Paperwork
- 3:00 ADJOURN TO FIELD SAMPLING**
(arrange cars at lunch and car pool to location to practice sampling)
- 3-4 pm Practice and Take your first sample in real world conditions near pollution source**
Successful sampling - easy as 1, 2, 3
1. See it
2. Smell it
3. Feel it